

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Final Rejection that claims 5-24 are allowed. All claims are now within the allowable subject matter of claim 5-25, so that all claims should be allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the features identified in the Final Rejection as distinguishing allowed claim 5 from Michener et al. (US 2005/0010786), thereby obviating the section 102 rejection applied to claim 1.

More specifically, claim 1 now recites features of method claim 5, but with respect to an apparatus.

Therefore, allowance of claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

Dependent claim 3 has been amended to be consistent with the changes made to claim 1.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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